

THE M.E.S. SCENE

April 1963

On Saturday afternoon April 6th, M.E.S. sixty-six strong gathered at the U. of T. Women's Athletic Building. Tea was served in the lounge. All were asked to sign the Guest Book and check the Alumnae Address List for errors or omissions. Tours of the building, particularly to the M.E.S. Library, were a popular feature but the main theme of the afternoon was 'News' for one and all.

A fleeting glimpse of the events of the afternoon includes:

Ethel Bunker who arrived right on time with her familiar gentle smile. She and her brother have retired and enjoy their home at 'Happy Nook,' R.R.#2, Pickering. Bessie Bunker Barrett and her children hold the centre of the stage for them with the garden and community activities next in line.

Lissen Glahn Bodker looking happy and gay was the second on the scene. Lissen is returning to Physical Education having agreed to take charge of the work at one of the Toronto Branches of the Y.W.C.A. She has six daughters, one at Art School, one a nurse and two grandchildren, a girl and a boy. Dorte Glahn Carnie teaches at the Y.W.C.A. in New Westminster, B.C.

Mary G. Hamilton, Charlotte Layton and Adelaide Marriott were all centres of attraction. The general impression was how little everyone had changed. It was a colourful happy afternoon complete with Spring hats many of which were soon removed the better to see the snap shots of children and grandchildren.

Incidentally Mary G. looked particularly attractive in a matching blue dress and hat. She was responsible for rounding up by telephone the Alumnae living in Toronto not to mention tracking down many a lost address. Following the tea she was off across town to another engagement. M.G.H. is looking forward to her third summer at her picturesque and comfortable summer home on a rocky height on the shore of Muldrew Lake in Muskoka.

Charlotte Layton has returned to Hamilton to live but commutes to Toronto frequently. Her address is: Apt. #2, 1557 Main Street West. One and all we count on her as the M.E.S. archivist. Everyone was glad to have a chance to talk to her. Following the tea her comment was: "Everyone looked so young, I couldn't believe it."

Adelaide Marriott and Ferra Halliday poured tea and both were surprised to find that they knew so many of the Alumnae across the years. Mrs. Marriott was interested in the recent developments at the University, the new buildings on the Campus and particularly the construction of Massey College. She is active still in the Canadian Handicrafts Guild, incidentally the store has expanded to twice its size at 77 Bloor Street West.

A letter from Tommy Geddes arrived Saturday morning. She sent along warm Greetings and this news:

"H.R. and I are now retired from our war time 'assignments' and we three - H.R., Princess Patricia the 3rd, (a one year old Boston pup) and I take care of our 'Apartment House.' We took over a large old Colonial home which we converted into five apartments. Unfortunately H.R. hasn't been well recently, however, there is some improvement and we have hopes of someday being able to take off - travel round and visit some of our old friends."

Elizabeth Wardley Raymer and her husband Ralph find life very full as owners and Directors of Camp Tanamakoon and keeping up with their daughter Judy who is a second year student at the Ontario College of Art. It is always good to see Elizabeth.

Shirley Naylor McCatty's week-ends are all taken. She has a permanent date at her beautiful stone house in the Belwood hills. The construction of a garden swim pool absorbs Cressy these days.

We were sorry Dona Smellie couldn't be on hand but when you come to town don't miss seeing her swanky 1963 store - the same spot but expanded into the new Lothian Mews, Bloor Street West,

Everybody found Dorothy Kennedy Conscher as good looking and vivacious as ever and with her Jean Duncan Thomson. Jean is enjoying her work as Director of Recreation for Richmond Hill. This means managing a Staff of 20, over 1500 children and in 1962 a Men's Italian Soccer Team. She says that it is easier than trying to tell somebody else how to do it.

Incidentally Margaret Dunning Faar is making news in Ottawa as the No. 1 Director of Recreation.

In a note from Margaret Inglis Barclay which has just arrived she says in part:

"We old girls were stunned by the 5 huge gymnasiums, archery range, golf cages, dance studio and the gorgeous swimming pool."

Fragments From Conversations:

Ede Amsden is now the Librarian at the Ontario Teachers Federation, 3rd Floor, Yorkville and Bay Street. She is connected with the Elementary School division and really enjoys the work.

Jo Robinson hasn't changed a bit. She could still compete with the Mona Lisa for the unfathomable smile. She is hard at work with the Toronto Board of Education as an Advisor to Youth.

There was news last week from Japan where all is well with Helen Parsons and her globe trotting.

Ede Jeffrey's information is that Rena Harvie Fahlman plans to come East this summer.

It was difficult to keep up with Lucille Jacob, Audrey Jeffrey, Erminie Gallagher, Dorothy Treble Umphrey, Lorna Sheard, Gladys Needham, Helen Webster, Dora Helmer and Dora Hudson. Dora's scarf-collar light wool dress was much admired. C.L. says that Betty Burt Clarkson of Lorne Park, has had two short stories read by John Drainie on CBL. Her daughter Jeanie is in Honours Bio-Chemistry at Queens and Mary, the younger, is in the National Ballet School in Toronto.

Bessie Pitt was on hand. She is planning to celebrate her retirement 600 days from now. She will see the Eaton Girls Club shift to headquarters at the McGill Street Y.W.C.A. and start a co-ordinated programme using the facilities of the pool, gymnasium and club rooms. The old building at 415 Yonge Street will soon be gone. The memories and the reputation of the School will remain.

It was wonderful to see Ellie Sovereign, Eleanor Keyes and Helen Hurd, the three representatives from 1936. It was somewhat amazing to learn that Ellie has two married daughters and three grandchildren. Eleanor Keyes is as busy as ever and Helen Hurd extra busy raising turkeys.

Grace Richer has one more round of examinations at the U. of T. to complete her Degree. She can hardly wait to get at them.

Key Johnson is happy with the children at the Edith L. Groves Vocational School. She extends a welcome to M.E.S. Grads to visit her during the summer at her island in the Pacific.

Barry scanned the Address List and collected the names of the 1930-31 Grads to take to Molly this summer.

Irma Moyer Manning's children travel everywhere. Jane taking tours through Europe, Caroline one of the twins hitch-hiked through Austria and Germany and studied at the Sorbonne. Mary is doing the same this summer. All four girls are having a real ball at school and at the University.

Wendy Day was celebrating the occasion with her first grandchild.

Rose Levy Levin has two sons, 16 and 18 years. She is still the same well organized Rose.

Theo Pike has a new granddaughter.

Winn MacLennan Johnston's daughter Mary is graduating in Arts at the University of Manitoba. She was crowned Snow Queen this year. She plans to take Physical Education next year possibly at McMaster University.

Adrienne Adams Lea has changed only to look finer and more capable. Her second son 16 is attending the World Scout Jamboree in Greece this Summer as one of the Queen's Scouts (25 chosen out of approximately 100.) Her eldest boy 18 is planning to enter the University of Toronto next year. The other children are 13, 9 and 5 years of age.

It was like old times to talk to Ruby Kinsey Thomas, Joyce Withrow Henderson, Marjorie Campbell Levitt, Peggy Kerfoot Gibson, Jean F. Garner, Gretchen Gray Bedford-Jones, Flora Morrison, Margaret Barclay, Lucille Bascom, Barbara Coleman, Marion Hall Taylor, Dorothy Crossland Dixon and Blanche Wellman Lynn. The latter may be persuaded to come back into the teaching field - she was tempted and she certainly looks ready to tackle any position.

Anne Ross Thompson was in good form and Helen Ricker made a special effort to include the tea in a busy day.

Dr. Moffatt (Mrs. R.K. Magee) plans to bring a group of students on a tour of the University Campus next week. A special welcome will be waiting at the Women's Athletic Building.

Ruth Scott Watt looking trim and fit came in from Welland, Ontario. She was responsible for a most successful Reunion of 1942 Graduates last May. In addition she has lined up for you the notes and summary of addresses attached.

A long distance call from Patty Sterne in St. Thomas brought her regrets and the distressing news that her daughter had had a bout with polio. She is home from the hospital but in a cast. Patty is taking charge of her physical therapy programme.

We were sorry also to learn of the illness of Julia Wright Fairley's daughter - Julie had to hurry away from the tea to return to her.

Lena McLure and her Mother attended the matinee at the O'Keefe Centre and then came on to the tea. Lena has written a tribute to Leila Worthy who died suddenly last Christmas in London, England. A part of Lena's citation is attached.

Letters from Grace Richer, Evelyn Bailes McDowell and Helena Wighton Anderson were appreciated. The latter sent in addition a copy of the 1963 folder of Camp Inawen-dawin which is most attractive. We were sorry that they were unable to come.

The following extra items of news have come from Charlotte Layton by mail to-day:

Phoebe Hamilton - with the Recreation Dept. of the city of Vancouver where recreation is booming. Spent her holidays in Hawaii last summer where she found surfing "a new and exciting world."

Sylvia Collier Wright Toole - now lives in Edmonton. Her family is growing up fast. Is teaching this year and really enjoys it.

Kay Cumming Roberts - got her B.A. Degree in 1962 and is now teaching Grade V in Halifax.

Jane Ferguson Christie - who lives in Meadowvale, Ontario is president of both the Women's Institute and the Home and School Association in her district. Her two girls are both in high school and Jim, her son, is interested in hockey and Cubs and "runs like a deer."

Norah Magnan Duly - of Southern Rhodesia and her husband, had a lovely sea trip to the Far East last summer.

Edi Crawford LaShana - of St. John's Nfld., passed away in January 1962.

Jean Taylor Garner's oldest boy, Peter, is waiting for his call to go into the R.C.M.P. Her second son, Frank, spent 2 weeks in Germany last summer with the Can. Paddling Team.

Mary Adams Elliott - has 3 sons, 17, 11 and 10. Mary supervised swimming for the County of Simcoe last summer. Had about 10 staff teaching. She sells Avon products during the winter. Mary and her husband have a cottage on Brandy Lake near Port Carling and she plans to stay up their this coming summer.

Elise Smythe Spratt and Cam have five children, 2 sons (the oldest) and their 3 daughters. You should see their family picture!

A special guest was Zerada Slack of McGill, Mt. Allison, the National Council of the Y.W.C.A., and the U. of T. She is well known to many of the Alumnae. Two second Year students in the School of Physical and Health Education, Sheila Lithwick and Coralie Phillips guided the tours through the building. Coralie comes from Saskatoon and is a neighbour of Isabel Lowe Maquire.

About three weeks ago Isabel was in Toronto on a short holiday. She is better looking than ever in spite of the fact that life in Saskatoon has been far from undemanding. She left the following note for those who know her:

"Four children, boys 22 and 15, girls 19 and 16. Spend free time with Job's Daughters and Drill Team. Served on Y.W.C.A. Board and Physical Education Committee. Started a Slim and Trim Class in 1948-49, taught it for one year and now I attend it instead."

There are many addresses that various people would like to have such as that of Mary Barker, "Tigh-na-mara," Ingonish, Nova Scotia. So an extra copy of the corrected mailing list is being typed. This copy will be available on request.

I hope that this cross-section of news will give you a feeling of belonging somewhere along the line - twenty or thirty or "Forty Years On."

With the Best of Good Wishes.

April 11, 1963

Dorothy Jackson
University of Toronto

Leila Coddington Worthy

Extracts from the tribute written by
Lena C. McLure
April 1963

In London, England, on December 31st, 1962, Leila Coddington Worthy died. This sad message came as a great shock to relatives and friends in Canada.

For fifteen years Leila had maintained an active Canadian correspondence. Her letters at Christmas were particularly cheerful telling of her activities in London. She had enjoyed Christmas with friends in Kent but on her return to London suffered a severe heart attack from which she did not rally.

Prior to her death Leila was connected with the Library, War Office, Whitehall, London S.W.1. Mr. D.W. King the Chief Librarian paid tribute to her work in compiling the Royal West African Frontier Force list of Officers and a Regimental Index of Biographies.

While attending The Margaret Eaton School a lifelong friendship was formed with Dorothy Kennedy Conacher and the late Lionel Conacher. Leila was Godmother to their daughter Constance, Mrs. John Murphy of Port Credit, Ontario. Another loyal friend was Mary G. Hamilton formerly Head of The Margaret Eaton School and Director of Camp Tanamkoon.

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All M.E.S. Graduates will join in sending sympathy to her relatives and friends.

April 13, 1964

Dear Girls, (ahem..)

It has been a tremendous experience being on the receiving end of your interesting letters! I wish I had the time to write to each of you personally. Thank you for your kind offers to help.

Considering the majority of desires and suggestions, we have come up with the following programme.

Date: May 16 - 18
Place: Toronto
Saturday, May 16 - 12:30 P.M. LUNCH - The Guild Inn
Guildwood Parkway (Toronto East)
4:00 P.M. Tour of Women's Athletic Building - U.of T.
6:30 P.M. Dinner at Adrienne's
Sunday, May 17 - 4:00 P.M. Tea for Staff (Place to be decided)
6:30 P.M. Dinner (at a restaurant)
Monday, May 18 - 11:00 A.M. Brunch or Barbeque (arrangements for
Sun. & Mon. subject to change - but
we MUST have a definite number for The
Guild Inn.)

COMING:	Adams	Forsyth	Reed
	Brown	Fraser	Sterne
	Cameron	Hendry	Sutton
	Christie	Loaring	Walker
	Corner	Marsh	Wright
	Davidson	Muddiman	

<u>NOT</u> COMING:	Baalim	Wood
	Hamilton	Barber
	Jarvis	McKenzie
	McConnell	

NO REPLY: <u>WHY?</u>	Collier-Wright	Laidlaw
	Frappier	McLennan

plus those for whom we have no address.

Please bring a "thumb-nail" sketch of your life to be given to the Secretary to assist in the composition of a news letter.

Would those who are unable to come please mail a similar story for this purpose.

Adrienne and Julia have offered to have 2 or 3 girls stay at each of their homes. Adrienne's home will be headquarters:

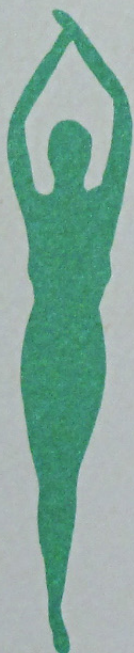
Mrs. E. R. Lea,
63 Parkwood Ave.,
Toronto 7, Ontario Phone HU8-3784

Please send any further requests, cancellations, telegrams, etc. to her.

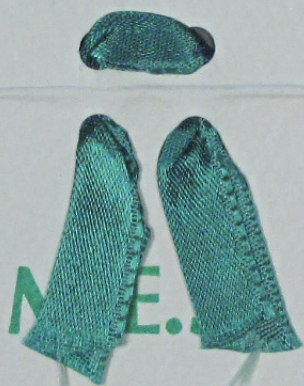
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Sincerely,

Patty



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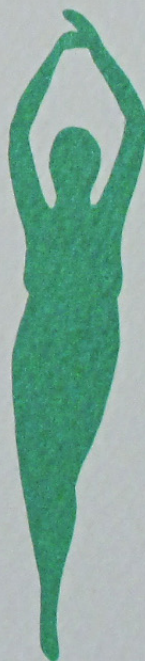
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Phoebe -

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Dorothy C.

Frank - Much Love. Dorothy
Loading man - Rodney
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